

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An information linking method ~~in which~~ comprising:  
receiving, by a first terminal device, ~~receives or retrieves~~ first content of  
interest ~~rendered by media including a video image;~~ and  
sending, by the first terminal device, ~~sends~~ first information to identify said first  
content, first target area selected to define a part or all of an object from said first  
content, and messages to a server equipment across a computer network,  
wherein said first target area is selected and messages are input by a user of  
said first terminal with a manipulator of said first terminal; and  
receiving, by the server equipment, ~~receives~~ said first information to identify  
said first content, said first target area selected, and ~~said messages,~~ messages;  
generating, by the server equipment, ~~generates~~ information related to the  
object from the content from a part or all of said messages ~~received,~~ received; and  
interlinking and registering, by the server equipment, ~~interlinks and registers~~  
said first information to identify said first content, said first target area selected, and  
the information related to the object from the first content into a database,  
wherein a path across which said first terminal receives said information  
related to said object from the content is different from a path across which said first  
terminal receives said first content.

2. (original) An information linking method as recited in claim 1 wherein:

said server makes up a group of two or more terminal devices including said first terminal device and a second terminal device and sends said messages received to one or more terminal devices including said second terminal device, belonging to said group, across the computer network; and  
said second terminal device receives and outputs said messages.

3. (original) An information linking method as recited in claim 1 wherein:

said server registers advertising keywords and advertising information specified or requested by an advertiser into the database, determines whether said advertising keywords are linked with said information related to the object from the content, and sends said advertising information to terminal devices across the computer network when it has been determined that at least one of said advertising keywords is linked with said information related to the object from the content; and  
the terminal devices receive and output the advertising information.

4. (currently amended) A terminal device comprising:

~~means for inputting an input unit that inputs content of interest rendered by~~  
~~media including a video image;~~  
~~a manipulator that obtains as input a target area selected and messages;~~  
~~means for obtaining a network interface that transmits information to identify~~  
~~the content; means for obtaining target area selected; means for inputting messages;~~  
~~means for transmitting said information to identify the content, for identifying the~~  
~~content, said target area selected, and the messages across a computer network;~~

~~means for receiving and outputting network, and that receives~~ information related to an object from the content across the computer network; and

~~means for displaying a display that displays~~ said content of interest on which the object is identifiable within said target area selected and the information related to the object,

wherein linking of the object and the information is intelligible, and

wherein a path across which said network interface receives said information related to said object from the content is different from a path across which said input unit inputs content.

5. (currently amended) A server equipment comprising:

means for receiving first information to identify content of interest including a video image, first target area selected, and messages transmitted from a first terminal device across a computer network,

wherein said content is transmitted from a different pass from said server equipment, and

wherein said first target area is selected and messages input by a user of said first terminal with a manipulator of said first terminal;

means for generating information related to an object from the content from a part or all of the messages;

means for interlinking and storing said first information to identify content of interest, said first target area selected, said messages, and said information related to an object from the content into a database;

means for receiving and storing a set of second information to identify content of interest and second target area selected, transmitted from a second terminal device across the computer network, into the database;

matching means for matching said first and second information to identify content of interest and said first and second target areas selected; and

means for sending said messages and/or said information related to an object from the content to said second terminal device across the computer network if matching for both couples is verified as the result of the matching.

6. (currently amended) A server equipment as recited in claim 5 further comprising:

means for registering advertising keywords and advertising information specified by an advertiser into a database;

means for determining whether said advertising keywords are linked with said information related to an object from the content; and

means for sending said advertising information to said first or second terminal device across the computer network when it has been determined that at least one of said advertising keywords is linked with said information related to an object from the content.

7. (currently amended) A server equipment as recited in claim 6 further comprising:

marketing information analysis means for generating marketing information, based on statistics obtained from any of said first information to identify content of

interest, said first target area selected, said messages, said information related to an object from the content, said second information to identify content of interest, said second target area selected, and said advertising keywords, or any combination of a plurality of items thereof.

8. (currently amended) A server equipment as recited in claim 7,

wherein said advertising keywords include:

nouns including, at least, the name of an article of trade, and the name of one of various types of utensils, the name of a person, the name of an institution, and the name of a district such as a city;

proper nouns;

verbs that express an act, occurrence or mode of being; pronouns; and combinations thereof, i.e., compounds, phrases, and sentences.